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1. ☐ This communication is responsive to ____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6,8-29, 36, and 38-40 (renumbered 1-32).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
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- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.


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Reasons for Allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In reference to claims 1-6, 8-29, 36, and 38-40, none of the references, either singularly or in combination, teach or fairly suggest the elements of three different data codes visually distinguishing the types of freight data links including inbound, outbound, and third party freight. The references do not teach this visibility aspect to the end user

Martin teaches an on-time delivery, tracking, and reporting system with shipment and scheduling information; however, he does not teach the use of a calendar display interface comprising interactive shipment data links, nor does he teach data code visually distinguishing the freight data link to the user. Martin does not fairly teach the elements of three different data codes visually distinguishing the types of freight data links including inbound, outbound, and third party freight.

Lamb teaches a calendaring program in which appointments are scheduled in a calendar; however, Lamb does not teach a shipment and scheduling information system nor does he teach data code visually distinguishing the various types of freight data links the user (i.e. indicating inbound, outbound, and third party freight). While Lamb does teach providing a link to an appointment, he does not fairly suggest visual distinction of the appointment nor does he suggest shipment or scheduling information or freight data links within the calendar.

Superior Essex teaches a shipping schedule allowing users to issue shipping requirements but does not teach a calendaring system with interactive links to access shipment information. Superior Essex also does not teach visually distinguishing the

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various types of freight data links the user (i.e. indicating inbound, outbound, and third party freight).

Therefore claims 1-6, 8-29, 36, and 38-40 are in condition of allowance.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rachna Singh whose telephone number is 571-272-4099. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30AM-6:00PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Herndon can be reached on 571-272-4136. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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